

United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-301

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: March 15, 2006

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 028

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to schools and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, April 12, 2006. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, April 26, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2006 through December 15, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen IQF Strawberries 30 lb. 6,600 cases Frozen Sliced Strawberries 30 lb. 19,800 cases

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the
 contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment,
 so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.
- No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is http://orca.bpn.gov. The representations and



certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-301, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV301

INVITATION : 028

COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN

COMM TYPE : 40 STRAWBERRIES, IQF, FROZEN

PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST 	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)				
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/06 - 11/30/06									
001	DARIEN EAU CLAIRE			555 765					
002	DARIEN EAU CLAIRE	WI WI		765 555					
003	CORDELIA SACRAMENTO	CA CA	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	660 660					
004	NATIONAL CITY POMONA	CA CA	TRUCK ONLY	660 660					
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/06 - 12/15/06									
005	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320					
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR CO			DITY TYPE	6,600					
COMM TYPE : 41 STRAWBERRIES, SLICED, FRZN PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN									
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/06 - 11/30/06									
	NEWPORT		0 - 11/30/00	1,320					
	MCALESTER			1,320	<u> </u>				
	DES MOINES			1,320					

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DELI	VERY PERIOD 11/				
009	CORDELIA SACRAMENTO	CA CA	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	660 660	
010	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	
011	PUYALLUP	WA		1,320	
012	PUYALLUP SPOKANE	WA WA	TRUCK ONLY	660 660	
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013	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	
014	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,320	
015	VINELAND	NJ		1,320	
016	GRANITE CITY	IL		2,640	
017	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	
018	CLEARFIELD SANDY	UT UT	TRUCK ONLY	820 500	
019	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 19,800

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION

26,400

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Commodity Procurement Branch Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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